

(b) the details of the marine fisheries projects among those projects; and

(c) the names of States where these projects have been set up/proposed to be set up in the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The total number of projects involving direct foreign investment in agriculture, (including Horticulture, Floriculture, Fisheries and Agricultural Machinery) approved by Govt. since 1991, is as under:—

1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
11	24	42	66	135	67

(b) and (c) No project involving direct foreign investment have been approved by the Govt. so far for development of coastal marine fisheries sector (within territorial waters).

Production of Fish

3749. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the production of fish and other marine products for the 8th plan period;

(b) the actual production during the plan period;

(c) whether Government have achieved the export target of fish and other marine products in the 8th plan period;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken to increase the production and export of fish and other marine products; and

(f) the details of the projection made for the Ninth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The target fixed for production of inland and marine shell and fin fish for the Eighth Five Year Plan period and the actual production thereof are as under :

(lakh tonnes)		
Year	Target fixed	Production
1992-93	42.30	43.65
1993-94	45.72	46.44
1994-95	47.50	47.89
1995-96	49.50	49.49
1996-97	51.40	*

*Year not yet over.

(c) and (d) The target fixed for export of fish and other marine products during the Eighth Five Year Plan period has been substantially achieved in the first four years of the Plan as will be seen from the table below :

(Quantity in lakh tonnes;
(Value in Rs. crores)

Year	Target		Achievement	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1992-93	1.95	1675	2.09	1769
1993-94	2.08	1825	2.44	2504
1994-95	2.17	2008	3.07	3575
1995-96	3.50	4262	2.96	3501
1996-97	3.26	3850		

*Year not yet over.

(e) Steps have been taken by the Government of India to increase production of fish and other marine products as also the productivity of fishermen and fishing industry through expansion of aquaculture in fresh and brackishwater, development of coastal marine fisheries, construction of requisite infrastructure such as fishery harbours and fish landing centres, provision of adequate credit and development of human resources. A number of central sector and centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented for the development of fisheries & aquaculture in the States/ Union Territories. With a view to increase the export of marine products and to meet the standards imposed by the importing countries, steps have been taken by the Marine Products Export Development Authority to upgrade the processing facilities and also implement necessary programmes in the processing factories so as to conform to the quality standards by providing assistance, etc.

(f) The details of the Ninth Five Year Plan have not yet been finalised.

Project Tiger

3750. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steering committee met in the month of February, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments have held up central fund meant for this Project; and

(d) if so, the names thereof and the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN